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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicants:** Haulk et al.

**Serial No.:** 10/044,688

**Filed:** January 11, 2002

**For:** METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATIC ASSIGNMENT OF A  
COMMUNICATION BASE STATION AND TIMESLOT FOR AN  
ELECTRONIC SHELF LABEL

**Group:** 2616

**Examiner:** Ng, Christine Y.

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Durham, North Carolina  
February 8, 2007

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Amendment**

**Sir:**

In response to the final Official Action of November 9, 2006, please amend the above  
identified application as follows: